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LDF Denounces House Passage of SAVE America Act as Dangerous and Discriminatory

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives [passed](#) the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) America Act, an irresponsible proposal designed to severely curb voters' freedom to access elections.

The SAVE America Act would functionally dismantle online and mail-in voter registration, target election officials with egregious levels of civil and criminal liability, and disenfranchise millions of Americans by forcibly requiring documentary proof of citizenship and photo identification when registering to vote and when voting at the polls. Only [6% of voters](#) currently register in person at an election office and over [146 million](#) Americans do not currently own a passport.

In response to House passage, Legal Defense Fund Director of Policy Demetria McCain issued the following statement:

“The SAVE America Act is not about protecting our elections — it’s about disguising voter suppression techniques aimed at disenfranchising Black voters as election security. It is disingenuous, it is discriminatory, and it is all based on a continuously disproven narrative of voter fraud propagated by an administration concerned not with voter protections but solely with the fear of letting people select their own leaders.

“LDF calls upon the U.S. Senate to reject the SAVE America Act. The authoritarianism woven into this bill has no place in our elections. Instead of trying to solve a nonexistent problem, Congress must focus its attention on the affordability crisis that is decimating the livelihoods of millions of Black people and the federal encroachment on city streets.”

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